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For: FASTENER AND SECUREMENT)
SUBJECT HAVING THE FASTENER)
SECURED THERETO)
Serial No.: 10/568,566)
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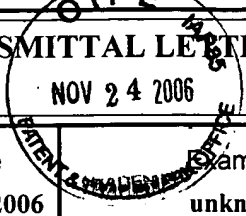

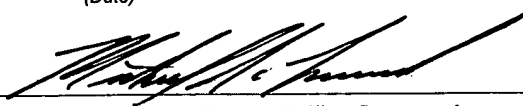
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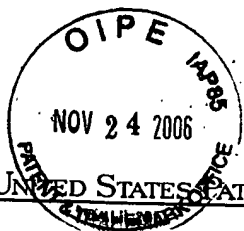
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/21/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/21/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/21/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 02/21/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/21/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/21/2006
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- Power of Attorney filed on 02/21/2006
- Specification filed on 02/21/2006
- Claims filed on 02/21/2006
- Abstracts filed on 02/21/2006
- Drawings filed on 02/21/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$5310** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$5060** for a Large Entity:

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 5310**

- \$2200 for 11 independent claims over 3.
- \$2750 for 55 total claims over 20.
- \$360 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

(A previous payment of \$250 will be applied to the additional fees indicated above.)

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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